

CARS Back on the Road

The CAR Allowance Rebate System (CARS) is still operating.

Consumers can still take advantage of the government program and receive a \$3,500 or \$4,500 discount for their trade-in vehicle when purchasing or leasing a new vehicle.

Check back often to this site for updates and information.

Important Information on new MPG Ratings:

In conjunction with the CARS final rule, EPA updated fuel economy data on fuelconomy.gov on July 24th. The changes affected the eligibility of certain vehicles under the CARS program.

Of the 30,000 vehicle model types spanning 25 years, 78 cars no longer qualify, but 86 new vehicles are now eligible.

NHTSA will process transactions in accordance with the data on fuelconomy.gov. The 78 vehicle model types that were eligible under EPA's mileage criteria until EPA's revisions were issued on July 24th will continue to be considered as eligible for transactions that occurred on or before July 24th.

The 86 model types that became eligible on July 24th will be treated as eligible if they are part of sale or lease that occurred on or after July 24th.

[Click here](#) to view the list of eligible cars

[Click here](#) to view the list of ineligible cars To search all vehicles, click the MPG Ratings tab at the top of the page

NEW AMMENDMENT TO THE RULE

The agency amended its rule implementing the CARS program. Dealers may now choose to disable the engine of the trade-in vehicle after they receive payment from the government for the credit (not more than seven calendar days after payment). However, until the vehicle's engine is disabled, the dealer must store the vehicle at a location under the control of the dealership.

In addition, because New Hampshire and Wisconsin do not have an insurance requirement under State law, trade-in vehicles registered in these two States are exempt from the one-year insurance requirement.

[Click here](#) to view the agency's amendment to the rule.

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Bookmark this page - it is your resource and gateway for participation in the CARS program.

Welcome to the Car Allowance Rebate System (CARS). At the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), our goal is to ensure that you and your staff are well equipped to help the American consumer take advantage of this program. We have provided you below with steps necessary for success.

Make sure to look at page 4 of the rotator for updates. The site will be updated with new information regularly, so please make sure to check back periodically.

UPDATE:

We've heard your concerns and issues with the registration and transaction process. In order to save you time and difficulty, we have put together quick guides that should make your transactions easier.

- [Click here](#) for the Quick Guide to Registration
- [Click here](#) for the Quick Guide to Transaction Submission
- COMING SOON is a Quick Guide to Searching for an Invoice